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### **Appointment of Chief Election Officer**

After a nationwide search, the State of Hawaii Elections Commission on Monday, December 10, 2007, appointed Kevin B. Cronin, Chief Election Officer for the State of Hawaii.

He will take over the position from Rex M. Quidilla, who has been the Interim Chief Election Officer since Dwayne Yoshina's term expired at the end of February 2007. By statute, Cronin's term is set to begin in February 2008.

Cronin, who is an attorney licensed to practice both in Hawaii and Wisconsin, has more than 30 years of government experience, serving most recently as Assistant General Counsel for the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. In that position, he advised the Wisconsin Public Service Commission on regulatory issues pertaining to investor-owned electric utilities, natural gas distribution utilities and telecommunication utilities.

Cronin received an undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from the University of Wisconsin. He also holds masters degrees in History and Public Policy and Administration from the University of Wisconsin.

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